



Bright business future beckons

WEYMOUTH and Portland must stop being so negative and forge a future built on positive thoughts and actions.

That was the New Year's Eve message from Weymouth and Portland Mayor, Councillor Kate Wheller, for the coming year which she warns could be marred by negativity unless people adopt a different tack.

She told the View: "If you look at the departure of Condor Ferries in less than three months then we should not be looking at it as the end of Weymouth but as a new opportunity.

"We face losing hundreds of jobs at Universal Engineering, but just nearby is Permavent which has won a Queen's Award for Innovation. It just shows that every cloud has a silver lining.

"Universal is moving jobs to its North Wales site because it is getting lots of European money, but Weymouth now has the first MEP's office it has ever had and there will never be a better chance to flag the town up to get some of that European money.

"And it is not just Weymouth; opportunity beckons on Portland too,

By Harry Walton
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with proposed air station developments for helicopter maintenance, good quality jobs, and two big projects coming forward, the Mass Extinction Monitoring Observatory and Jurassic.

"Either or both could make a tremendous difference to the economy of the whole county. When you have people like Sir David Attenborough and Tim Smit supporting these projects you have to give them a degree of respect."

She added that Weymouth's future had to

contain a key element of increased revenue to help it balance the books.

She said: "We have to have income generation and I think that the borough has huge natural resources.

"We have far greater assets than Bournemouth in terms of natural harbour facilities and we have far better beach and leisure facilities than Bournemouth but we don't take advantage of them.

"The potential for harbour income generation

is enormous and we have to take the bull by the horns and really go for it. No half measures.

"We have to be ambitious and we have to be ambitious quickly because we are working within an 18-month timescale before the 2016-2017 budget falls due by which time we must have fresh income streams in place."

Looking back, Mrs Wheller said she felt 2014 had been "a good year" with hoteliers and taxi drivers starting to report they were seeing the visitor legacy from the Olympic Games.

She added: "It has

taken a while but we always knew it was not going to happen overnight.

"What we must do

now is, having got these new visitors, encourage them to keep coming back.

"I remain proud to be

the Mayor of Weymouth & Portland and remain optimistic about our future prospects, but we have got to work at it."

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LUKE Hayter was born and raised in Bridport and has worked at Bridport Leisure Centre for over eight years. He first joined as a fitness instructor but has now progressed to his current role of health and fitness manager.

NICOLE Attrill grew up in Hertfordshire until the age of 11 before moving to Spain with her parents and attending an English school in Mallorca.

She moved to Dorset when she was 18-years-old to be closer to her family in Burton Bradstock.

She is currently a fitness class manager at Bridport Leisure Centre.

■ WHAT inspired you both to work in fitness?

From a young age we have always been very interested in exercise. We both played a lot of team based sports at school, which led us to a keen interest in the gym as we both felt it benefited our sports we participated in.

■ WHAT do you like doing in your spare time?

Luke: In my spare time there is nothing better than weight training. I find with a busy work schedule it allows me to focus and I have a lot more energy throughout the week.

Nicole: I am a bit of a girly girl deep down so I love doing my nails and having a girly night with my best friends. But the gym is always my first priority when I have some spare time.

■ WHAT is your favourite workout?

Luke: I love to see constant progression in my workouts and I really enjoy lifting heavy weights so I focus on big lifts, squats, deadlifts and bench press each week. I try and increase the weight slightly each week allowing me to get stronger week by week.

Nicole: I agree with Luke, I love weight training and I tend to change my programme each month and try different approaches like using weights in a circuit.

■ WHAT advice would you give people wanting to get fit and healthy in the New Year?

Set yourself an achievable goal and stick with it! Whether it is to lose a stone or climb the stairs without struggling for breath. Break this goal down over the year and track your progress every week. Reward yourself with non-food related treats which give you a positive result for achieving that goal.

■ WHAT three items would you want with you on a desert island?

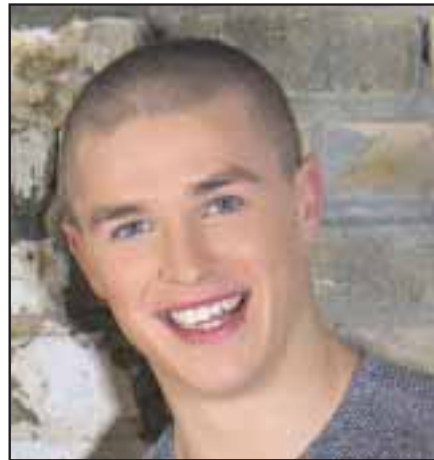


Luke: My iPad, I am literally attached to it whether I'm sending emails or watching Netflix, it goes everywhere with me. My coffee machine, the first thing I do every morning is pour myself an espresso, it's the only thing that wakes me up. And sad I know but I would need a set of dumbbells, with all that spare time I would have it would give me plenty of time to sculpt my guns.

Nicole: My phone. A hair band! Every girl knows what a massive pain it is when you don't have one, it's one of my biggest pet hates! I can't imagine being on the beach or trying to swim without one. And thirdly a bikini.

■ WHAT would you do if you won the lottery?

We would build our own gym so we wouldn't have to worry about waiting to use equipment.



■ IF you could live your life again, what would you do?

Luke: I wish I started training earlier, as a youngster I wasn't interested in exercise as much as I am now, I was more of a eat what you see person. I would also listen to my parents a lot more, it's true you can't teach experience you learn it with age and my parents have always been there for me.

Nicole: I loved sport at school but I didn't push myself to my best and I would have done well with hockey and swimming so I regret not working harder at them. But my passion for sport never left and now that I have found weight training I can use my love for it to help motivate and inspire others.

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Mayor pays Christmas visit to RNLI



■ **WEYMOUTH and Portland Mayor, Councillor Kate Wheller paid a festive visit to the town's lifeboat station when she dropped in to meet and chat with the crew on Christmas Day.**
Mrs Wheller wanted to thank them for their work over the past year and wish them well for 2015.

Portlanders to be asked their views on budget

ISLANDERS are to be asked for their views before Portland town council (PTC) takes a final decision on its budget and precept figure for 2015-2016.

The survey period will run until January 31st, 2015, and comes after 'issues' arose during the 2014-2015 budget process when critics said the council's process wasn't open enough.

During the autumn the town council established the value of those budget lines which represent the core activities of the council, the largest area of which was the appropriate level of staffing that the council requires to perform its statutory functions and communicate with the community.

The council commissioned

an independent staffing review and is currently considering the recommendations included in that report which recommended an increase of just under £10 to a precept value of £25 which is half the average value for a town council.

Portland residents will be asked a series of questions in the survey, which may be completed on line via the council's website, www.portlandtowncouncil.co.uk, or via its Facebook page. Printed forms are available from the council offices and Easton library.

Questions include: Should the council this year look to introduce measures to prepare for the future, what level is acceptable if the precept has to

be increased and what should priorities be for spending this?

The process that the town council is undertaking in identifying its core needs and duties is also being undertaken by Dorset county council and Weymouth & Portland borough council.

Government grants are reducing to both authorities and the pressure to reduce services or generate income through higher charges is becoming more pressing.

The government is keen for town and parish councils – seen as the closest to their communities – to have more responsibility.

PTC has supported the development of the neighbourhood plan which provides an opportunity for council and

community to focus on island-specific issues.

In May 2015 all members of the council will stand down and there will be a general election.

The current council consider that it has a duty to the new council to establish a budget which allows the council a good start in dealing with the future.

PTC's current precept is £15.02 per annum which raises £50,000. Of this £23,000 is spent on staff salaries, £15,000 has been set aside for the role of the island caretaker-maintenance and £3,000 goes towards the cost of developing the Neighbourhood Plan with the balance spent across other administrative and establishment costs.

Crime round-up



■ **PART of the vandalised garden walls**

FURIOUS residents have condemned a mass vandalism attack on their homes which damaged eleven garden wall in East Wyld Road, Weymouth.

The incident, which is believed to have happened between 6pm-9.30pm on December 23rd and caused extensive damage.

Gateway pillar stones were torn free and twisted round and coping stones to wall tops were kicked or torn off and thrown into flower beds.

Some homes even had large wall topping stones, some of which weighed 15kg-20kg (30lbs-40lbs), ripped out of their seating and left discarded on the wall by the vandals.

One elderly resident said: "We had a pillar stone damaged and three or four of our coping stones knocked off the wall. They were lying in our flower bed when I found them."

"You can't call these people animals because animals don't do anything like this. They are beneath contempt."

"If the police catch them they should be made to come back and repair the damage they have done."

Another East Wyld Road resident said: "This is just mindless vandalism. It could have been a lot worse but we don't think they smashed anything because it would have alerted people to what was going on."

Other residents agreed and one said: "It just leaves a nasty taste in your mouth that people would do something like this so close to Christmas."

Police are investigating the incident and attended the scene, checked the road and interviewed residents.

Community gets involved with masterplan

WEYMOUTH and Portland residents have attended the second of two workshops on the development of the Weymouth town centre masterplan.

The interactive workshop was led by FERIA Urbanism, an independent planning and design practice which was appointed by Weymouth and Portland council to provide impartial advice and help the council engage with the community to develop the masterplan further.

The event saw residents, business owners and public figures split into groups to debate and capture a vision for the future of the town centre over the next ten years.

It was the second interactive workshop and examined in more detail some of the outcomes from the previous workshop held in early October such as development potential of sites, travel and movement within the town and how differ-

ent quarters in the town centre could interact with one another.

Both events followed on from the pop-up sessions that have been held across the town centre over the last few months and hundreds of people have already had their say, both at the events and online.

Weymouth & Portland economic regeneration spokesman Cllr Ray Nowak said: "This event has been fantastic in highlighting how engaged the community is with this project."

"There has been lots of participation into the vision which will enable us to be progressive in the ideas that come forward and crucially change Weymouth for the better."

"There is unity from residents and commercial sector in the aim of creating a thriving town centre that is vibrant and that can offer diversity in housing, retail and leisure."

"The workshops have been creative but also helpful to explore the conflicting issues as well as what's best where."

"A clear strategy will ensure Weymouth makes the most of its stunning landscape, wealth of listed buildings, attractive waterfront and busy harbour."

"We have had a good mixture of age groups with young people also

getting involved as it will be many of them who will reap the benefits of the masterplan in the long term."

The borough council is leading the strategy with community involvement at the heart of the plan. It is limited in the amount of investment it can make directly, but funding is hoped to be raised by working in partnership with developers and

other partners such as the Dorset LEP.

The council can't change things like business rates (set by government) or control the cost of rent, house prices or other premises.

A draft masterplan is expected to go out for further consultation in early 2015.

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Robert Arthur "Skip" Pitman MBE

Passed away peacefully aged 88 on Sunday, December 21st 2014. Beloved husband to Nora, dearly loved father to Colin & Shirley and Heather & Howard, loving grandfather to Charlotte, George, Robert and James. Will be sadly missed by all. Funeral service to be held on Friday, January 9th 2015, 12noon at Holy Cross Church, Woodbury, Axminster, followed by interment in Axminster Cemetery. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to Holy Cross Church, Woodbury, or Parkinson's uk.
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County overspend more than £4m

ATTEMPTS by the Conservative controlled Dorset County Council to rein in spending are failing in key departments.

The total overspend is now in excess of £4 million, with savings of £1.7 million needed between now and April.

Care services account for the largest proportion of budget overspends as more children and additional older people require help.

A total of 2,450 children in the rural part of the county are now considered to be looked after by the county council, 250 up on the 2012 figure. The rise has contributed to an overspend in the depart-

ment by £1.9 million and the need to employ more social workers.

In adult care the overspend figure is even bigger – £2.9 million – as more older people need help to stay in their homes.

Other overspending includes £1.6 million for the county council's share of costs at the Dorset Waste Partnership which has suffered additional spending from the roll-out of kerbside recycling across much of the county in recent months.

The county council is working on an expected increase of two per cent in its share of the council tax from April 2015.

Eye-witness account of WWI Christmas truce

AN EYEWITNESS account of the legendary World War One Christmas truce of 1914 by a Dorset soldier is now available online.

Regimental Sergeant Major George Beck, from Portland, was on the Western front when the British and German armies called a ceasefire and came together to exchange gifts, play football and sing carols.

His diaries, held at the Dorset History Centre in Dorchester, provide a first-hand account of this lull in the fighting and, as part of the on-going publication of the diaries 100 years on, will be made available on www.dorsetforyou.com

Writing on 24 December, RSM Beck noted: "Germans shout over to us and ask us to play them at football, and also not to fire and they would do likewise. At 2am (25th) a German Band went along their trenches playing "Home Sweet Home" and "God Save the King" which sounded grand and made everyone think of home."

On 25 December he added: "Christmas Day. Not one shot was fired. English and German soldiers intermingled and exchanged souvenirs. Germans very eager to exchange almost anything for our "Bully Beef" and jam."

RSM Beck, originally from the Midlands, married a Portland girl and settled on the island. He served on the Western Front for the whole of the 1914-18 conflict, and was awarded the Military Cross in April 1918. His diaries during the war are being published online by the history centre exactly a century after they were written, giving a unique, first-hand view of the conflict as it happened.

RSM Beck's granddaughter Caroline Milverton, who lives on Portland, said: "As my grandfather did not expect his diaries to be read by anyone other than himself or his family if he died while fighting, he had no reason to write anything but the

facts; the Christmas Truce 1914 was a remarkable event."

The diary entries are available to view at <http://news.dorsetforyou.com/rsm-beck-diary>.

Cllr Colin Jamieson, Dorset County Council Cabinet member for community services, said: "The Christmas truce of 1914 has passed into folklore, and this year those events are particularly resonant. To view it through the eyes of a soldier from Dorset, who was actually there, is remarkable."

US stegosaurus at the NHM

A Geology lecture at Dorset County Museum will explain how a Jurassic dinosaur from Wyoming arrived at the Natural History Museum in London.

The talk, on Wednesday, January 14th at 6.30pm, will be by Professor Paul Barrett, Head of Fossil Vertebrates and Anthropology at the Natural History Museum.

After a year of working on the specimen in secret, Professor Barrett, the Natural History Museum's resident dinosaur specialist, will reveal many secrets about the biology of dinosaurs and their evolutionary patterns.

Many of the images, which have been confidential until now, will be shown on the night.

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News in brief...

■ **DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST** has several activities for people to join in with during January.

On Saturday, January 3rd, there will be a Wild Lorton Day from 10am-4pm at the Lorton Meadows Wildlife Centre in Lorton Lane, Weymouth.

Each month will feature a different activity from pond dipping and making a bird box to wild walks. See the DWT website for specific details for each date. The Wildlife Centre will also be open for visitors and people can come along for a walk around the reserve, then drop in for a hot drink or to browse gifts and wildlife books. Visitors can also watch birds on the feeders on screen, find out what to feed their garden birds during the colder months and buy bird seed, feeders and nest boxes. Phone for more information on 01305 816546.

Lorton Meadows will also be running a volunteers conservation task on January 14th and again on January 28th, both from 10am-3pm. People are invited to join staff for a day of practical work on site to restore habitats important for local wildlife. Tools, gloves and drinks are supplied. No experience is necessary, but those taking part should bring a packed lunch.

■ **A COURSE ON DORSET CHURCHES** with Gordon Le Pard as tutor will start run from January 5th from 2.00pm-3.30pm for six weeks at the Workers Educational Association, Holly Court, Waverley Road, Weymouth.

The course costs £35 but fees could be waived via selected means tested benefits. To enrol contact WEA enquiries on 08454 582758, call Pat Donnelly on 01305 833608.

See Earl of Abergavenny artefacts on board tall ship Pelican

ADVENTURE Under Sail, the charity which operates Weymouth's tall ship Pelican, is to collaborate with Portland Museum for a celebration of local maritime history.

On February 5th, 1805, a large sailing ship called the Earl of Abergavenny got into trouble in bad weather just off the Dorset coast. During her attempt to seek shelter and refuge in Weymouth she hit the Shambles in Weymouth Bay and later sank.

Of the 402 on board, 263 people perished. One of these was the ship's captain, John Wordsworth, the brother of poet William Wordsworth.

The wreck of the Earl of Abergavenny lies on the seabed in Weymouth Bay, 20 metres below the surface and, since the 1970s, a team from Portland museum has been among those who have excavated the site. Most of the artefacts recovered are in the museum.

TS Pelican and Portland museum are organising a unique educational opportunity for students in Dorset to mark the 210th anniversary of the ship's sinking.

Classes aged seven upwards are invited to come on board Pelican in Weymouth on February 5th or 6th to learn about the Earl of Abergavenny and what happened to her.

There will be real artefacts from the wreck site and students will learn about life on board a tall ship today during a tour of Pelican.

Lisa Gravett of Portland museum says: "This is a unique opportunity for local schools to learn about an incredible story from our local maritime history and to experience this learning in the truly wonderful environment of a working tall ship."

On April 12th, 2015, Pelican is offering a special commemorative day sail from Weymouth harbour for members of the public.

Once again staff from Portland museum will be on board with artefacts from the Abergavenny wreck site and as part of the day sail Pelican will be sailing to the Abergavenny's final resting place to lay a wreath.

Becky Simmons from Adventure Under Sail says: "Our day sails are



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Among those people dug deep into the pock-

ets for was Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (£2,200), Mind (£959), Southampton Paediatric ICU (£565), RNLI (£860), Cancer Research UK (£508) and Water Aid (£490).

More than two dozen swimmers came from outside Dorset including far flung places such as Edinburgh, Truro, London and Liverpool.

Lions spokesman Norman Apps said: "We understand that many of

those raising funds have yet more to collect and the final figure could be much higher than the £11,250 indicated on the sponsor forms.

"The swim was started by the Mayor, Councillor Kate Wheller, assisted by Widow Twankey and Wishee Washee currently appearing at the Pavilion in the pantomime, Alladin.

"From a Lions point of view we are delighted that so many people

turned out on Christmas morning to not only take part but to come and watch what has become a very big event, not only for Lions but for Weymouth.

"Everyone was in a very pleasant mood and the atmosphere was wonderful. We in Lions enjoy doing this because it is what we do 'Serving the Community'.



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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

The camera never lies

A WEYMOUTH man left his festive shopping a bit late and he found himself working in London on Christmas Eve with no present bought for his wife.

At great personal effort he finished work as early as he could, dashed down to Oxford Street and was able to find some 'smellies' for his wife which he later smuggled inside the family home.

He replied as casually as he could when his wife asked him how his Christmas shopping had gone, saying he had done it all

weeks ago.

The two of them then settled down with a snack to watch the news, when it all started to go horribly wrong.

One of the main stories was how crowds had stayed away from last minute buying in the main shopping areas... and it was illustrated with scenes from a near-deserted Oxford Street except for pictures of him dashing into a shop to buy perfume for his wife!

Bet the Ho! Ho! Ho! was a little fraught after that revelation!

Nothing but blue skies all day long

ONE of the most remarkable things about Christmas Day was that, even at a relatively early hour, there were so many people out and about enjoying the sunshine.

From the Pavilion to Bowleaze Cove everyone seemed to be out strolling.

We'd gone out determined to grab a breath of air, walking down to Bowleaze Cove before launching ourselves into the military operation of cooking the turkey and trimmings but, if rabbits were out sunning themselves on the land-slips, they were far outnumbered by human beings.

Scores of people were out on the grass, walkways and beach while on the main seafront it was like early morning in the peak summer holiday season.

There was the usual smattering of Christmas hats, new coats, new boots and delighted children out with their presents from scooters to radio controlled aircraft... and the sun just shone and shone and shone.

People remarked that they couldn't remember such a blue sky on Christmas Day, that it just wasn't Christmas weather and where was winter? Doesn't seem much sign of it yet.

Enjoy!

Farewell to a funny old year

JUST hours to go and we can kiss another year good-bye.

It's been a funny 12 months with everything from the announced departure of Condor from the port to the announced departure of Weymouth and Portland council from its quayside offices. Using both sites for 73 new charity shops and cafés does seem the right way forward.

The future appears firmly based in the past with Portland's giant MEMO and Jurassic projects promising to transform the island's economy.

There certainly wasn't much to be cheerful about at the start of the year when the weather made a determined attempt to blow Portland into Weymouth as a succession of huge storms

battered the island.

When all calmed down the authorities scraped shingle back to build up Chesil Beach, provoking a war of words that it wasn't needed.

Then we come to the slightly smelly subject of rubbish which has kicked up a right stink with residents who don't think much of Dorset Waste Partnership and its new system of collection.

They think even less of Weymouth's thrice damned new transport system and their protests have finally forced the authorities to agree an independent review.

Let's hope it is reviewed and put right, not just reviewed and given a token rubber stamp of approval with motorists told to get on with it.

A rubber stamp is also

being prepared for the new tri-council partnership between Weymouth & Portland, West Dorset and North Dorset.

This is being portrayed as an extension of the partnership between Weymouth & Portland and West Dorset which has saved millions of pounds. Bringing North Dorset into the mix will apparently save millions more.

What we aren't being told with any clarity is what the down side is, because jobs and services are bound to be affected.

Still at least Dorchester will be alright. It has set itself up as the tri-council hub. How long will it be before its tri-colleagues start getting upset about that?

A Happy New Year to you all!

Butties not Royce...

WHILE the man was browsing a Christmas market in Weymouth he saw a stall holder with something that interested him.

So he went up to him and asked: "Excuse me, where did you get your rolls?"

The stall holder got a bit de-

fensive and said: "From a dealership in Hampshire, but it's only the basic model, no accessories."

This amused the shopper who said: "No, I was just talking about the two bacon rolls you are holding not the Rolls you seem to own!"

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Business leaders review youth employment

BUSINESS figures in Dorset were given food for thought about youth employment at a top-level lunch, at which they welcomed a leading light from one of the country's high-profile business organisations: David Riches, executive director (commercial and marketing) for the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC).

Mr Riches praised DCCI for its achievements over the past year and urged members to tell the BCC about issues affecting their businesses, when he spoke after

the lunch, focussing on such topics as exports and transport links as well as youth employment and apprenticeships.

Ian Girling, DCCI chief executive, said: "David triggered an absorbing debate about the value of apprenticeships and degrees, skills sets and gaps, training and the need to ensure young people are ready to enter the workplace."

DCCI, the voice of business in Dorset, is the only chamber in the county which is affiliated with the BCC. This allows our group to have to access to a direct influ-

ence on government policy.

Some 40 directors and managers from DCCI's business partners attended the lunch at the Highcliff Marriott Hotel in Bournemouth.

It was one of the first important events to be held after DCCI transformed its patrons into DCCI business partners to represent their increasing importance and role in the chamber.

The move came as DCCI, which represents 700 members employing 37,000 people, continues to grow and modernise.

Dorset police looking for new recruits

DORSET Police has announced a New Year recruitment drive for police constables with 16 posts being advertised. Recruitment will begin on Monday, January 5th.

Thirty two new officers joined the force in 2014, a further 16 officers will be arriving in January and a third intake of new recruits is scheduled for March.

Dorset Police says it is expecting a high level of interest and in order to cope with the demand an online pre-assessment selection will be available from 9.30am on Monday 5th. This will run until 11.59pm on Wednesday 7th.

Chief Constable Debbie Simpson said: "I'd encourage anyone who is interested in this extremely rewarding role to visit our website and find out more. It's a fantastic opportunity to join the Dorset Police team and make a difference. We

are committed to selecting the best possible candidates and will ensure that the selection process is fair throughout.

"Those interested can read about the recruitment process online."

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill said: "I am delighted that Dorset Police is recruiting new police officers."

"Wherever I go, people across Dorset tell me that they want to see more visible policing. Despite operating in austere times, we have to balance the workforce and it's right that we bring in new officers into the policing family."

"Policing continues to evolve and it remains an excellent career for those who have the drive to make a difference in the communities they serve."

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THE Chancellor's major overhaul of stamp duty is set to spark the housing market into life earlier than usual in 2015.

Under the sweeping reform, stamp duty has been slashed for the majority of buyers with an average saving of £4,500 on purchases below £937,500.

Battens solicitor Sarah Ford said: "We are expecting a busy spring with the reform of stamp duty leading to more people placing their property on the market, and doing so earlier in

the year.

"The long overdue reform of stamp duty has been very well received and we expect to see increased availability in the market."

First time buyers will benefit from the reform, with more affordable properties and a greater number on the market.

Homeowners looking to upgrade beyond the £250,000 mark will benefit as they will no longer be affected by a leap from 1% stamp duty to 3% at the £250,001 price tag.

Sellers who have been stuck at cliff edge valuations, such as £250,000, when their property is potentially worth more will also have more room to manoeuvre.

The previous stamp duty system has been replaced by a graduated rate, with different amounts of duty due on the parts of a property's value that fall into five new bands. They will no longer pay the same rate on the entire purchase.

Nothing will be paid on the first £125,000 of a property price and then



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Police launch campaign against sexual violence

DORSET Police has launched a hard-hitting poster campaign this festive season urging victims not to suffer in silence and warning would-be perpetrators their actions will not be tolerated.

Sexual violence is any

unwanted sexual contact or harassment. It includes pressurising someone to have sex or take part in sexual activity such as groping and sexual touching when they don't want to or they haven't, or can't give their consent.

Physical violence, sexual violence, stalking, controlling or manipulative behaviour and harassment are all forms of relationship abuse.

Detective Chief Inspector Jez Noyce said: "Sex with someone who doesn't want to is rape. It

does not make a difference whether the people know each other or not, or what relationship they have. Just because you are in a relationship with someone, it doesn't make it OK.

"Rape does not have to involve physical force. Threatening violence, or having sex with someone who is incapable of consenting because they're drunk or asleep is rape.

"Unfortunately we know that there are individuals who will take advantage of people who become intoxicated and vulnerable.

"It is important that people who go out drink-

ing make sure they don't become vulnerable and put themselves at added risk."

A prison sentence isn't the only punishment for sexual violence. Offenders may also lose their partner, access to their children, the respect of friends and family, be banned from their home, lose their job, get a criminal record and it could even affect any future relationships under the Clare's Law disclosure scheme.

DCI Noyce continued: "Sexual violence will not be tolerated in Dorset. It is always the perpetrator's choice to abuse. It is never the victim's

choice to be abused.

"Abuse in relationships and sexual violence are not normal or acceptable. If you are in an abusive relationship or have been sexually assaulted or raped it's never your fault and you don't have to put up with it.

"You don't have to suffer in silence. Sexual violence can be stopped if you seek support."

Dorset Police has specially trained officers who investigate sexual violence and support victims. Call 101 (non-emergencies only, call 999 in an emergency). All reports will be dealt with in confidence.

Local government under spotlight at public first meeting

THE future shape of local government in Dorset will be discussed at a New Year public meeting.

It will look at the current 'cabinet' system and explore whether the county could benefit by scrapping district and borough councils and moving towards a unitary authority.

Organiser John Grantham says the January 7th meeting has been "making waves" already.

The 'Public-First' meeting, being called by Dorset residents, will be at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester, from 7.00pm-9.15pm, on Wednesday January 7th.

One of those notified of the meeting was Clive Stafford Smith OBE who said he would be attending. He was invited to chair the meeting and has agreed.

"We're delighted with this," said Mr Grantham.

Mr Grantham would like to look at the system of unitary local government used in Wiltshire where power and budgets are being devolved through Area Boards.

He said: "After brief introductions to the meeting and to both topics, two-thirds of the evening focuses on hearing individual residents' views.

"There may be a public desire for individuals' voices to be more fully heard, listened to and issues discussed in thoroughgoing two-way communication before WDDC acts.

"Further, people may want their elected representatives to be more open to two-way public debate and less tied to the party-political-line."

He has invited Conservative, Green, Labour, Lib-Dem and UKIP politicians to the meeting to share their views, but only after members of the public have had their say.

"Members of the existing WDDC Cabinet, and other councillors, have also been invited to have the chance to speak. Council Leader Gould has also been invited to speak but will not be able to attend."

Doors will open at 6.30pm with tea/coffee available. Admission is free.



ONE of the posters in the campaign to prevent sexual violence

Combined fire and rescue service gets a step nearer

LEGAL moves to bring in a combined Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue service have started, with the new body likely to come into being in April 2016.

Secretary of State, MP Eric Pickles, has had the Combination Order papers lodged with him and, if he finds no need for any further work, legislation could be passed in March 2015, allowing the new authority to come into

being in April of the following year.

The new name 'Dorset and Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority' was adopted earlier this year.

The new fire and rescue authority will have 30 members: 15 from each geographical area.

The merger proposes a new community safety centre, which will also act as the authority's headquarters.

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Celebrity Training

Bridport residents launch fitness website 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers'

LOCAL business owners and fitness entrepreneurs Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill have launched a new fitness venture with fashion and television personality Sam Faiers entitled 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers'.

Bridport residents Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill have developed 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' as an all inclusive health and fitness website focused on you getting the best results at home with your computer, smartphone or tablet. Renowned personal trainer Nicole Attrill and Sam Faiers head up the exercise tutorials with fun and challenging workouts for you to do at anytime, anywhere.

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Filled with exclusive content it's also completely bespoke, you can send pictures of your improvement and target graphs are there to help see your progression! 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' also has a food and diet section with recommendations from healthy eating expert Sophie Bradshaw.

'Celebrity Training with Sam' directors Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill comment:

'We are thrilled to be launching our new business venture 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' next year, it's a great website and we have worked hard to make sure the workouts are challenging and fun at the same time. Launching our website with Sam Faiers is brilliant as she pushes herself and has seen

results from training with Nicole and is looking forward to sharing this with her fans.'

Fashion and television personality Sam Faiers adds: "I am really excited to be working with Luke and Nicole on our project 'Celebrity Training with Sam

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SOUTHERN TENANT FOLK UNION COME TO THE MARINE THEATRE

ONE of the most highly acclaimed folk/bluegrass bands in the UK today, Southern Tenant Folk Union are about to release their sixth album (*The Chuck Norris Project*) and since starting out in 2006, have toured their exciting live show all over the UK, Ireland, Netherlands and Germany, and are heading to Lyme Regis in early 2015.

A six piece all acoustic band with banjo, mandolin, fiddle and harmony vocals, they perform an eclectic mix of high energy atmospheric folk and have received airplay from Bob Harris and Steve Lamacq on BBC Radio 2. Live appearances include BBC One TV (*The Andrew Marr Show*), RTE TV

(*The Late Late Show*) & Radio 4's *Loose Ends*. Artistically successful, award winning and with an exciting live act worked around a single microphone, they have performed at Celtic Connections, Orkney Folk Festival, Belladrum and The Electric Picnic and now sellout arts centres across Europe.

Southern Tenant Folk Union play at the Marine Theatre on Friday, January 30th, doors open 7.15pm, with music from 8pm. Tickets are £13.50 or £12.50 concessions, and a TheatreFriends discount is available. For more details or to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138



Southern Tenant Folk Union

ART LECTURE AT DORSET COUNTY MUSEUM

JOHN Everett was one of the few official war artists of the First World War. He worked for the Ministry of Information on paintings connected with seaborne commerce, using his experience as a deep-water sailor to give his work a sense of unqualified realism. He specialised in the interpretation of the military's use of 'dazzle' – a colourful camouflaging technique used to disguise ships at sea. Nothing revealed to the landsman better than Everett's work the beauty that camouflage – through grim necessity – brought to wartime shipping.

Dorchester-born John Everett produced a remarkable and unique body of work centred on Atlantic convoys. On his death he bequeathed all remaining maritime works in his possession to the National Maritime Museum which now holds the most important collection of his paintings in the world.

Gwen Yarker MA, FSA, FRHistS, is an independent art historian, formerly art curator at the National

Maritime Museum, specialising in British art and the life and work of John Everett. On Friday, January 23rd she will give a lecture at Dorset County Museum about Everett's paintings of the Dazzle ships on the Thames.

All are welcome to this event which is free although donations are welcome to cover costs. The lecture will start at 7.30pm and doors are open from 7pm. For further information see www.dorsetcountymuseum.org.



Trio of top talents at Comedy Network

START the new year with a laugh at the Electric Palace's Comedy Network night on Friday, January 9th.

The evening will feature up-and-comers Jarlath Regan, Mark Smith and Adam Hess, with doors opening 7.15pm, and the show from 8.15pm.

Award winning comedian and writer for Russell Howard's *Good News* and the hit Irish panel show, *The Panel*, **Jarlath Regan** has gained a reputation with the industry and audiences for his uplifting, inventive and relentlessly funny stand-up, enjoying sell-out runs at the Fringe since 2007. A finalist in both the BBC and Channel 4 New Comedy Awards, Jarlath's first published book *How To Break Bad News* was an instant best-seller. It gained many celebrity fans including Ardal O'Hanlon who called it "Original, funny and deliciously wrong!" Jarlath's second book *Putting A Ring On It - What Not To Do When Attempting To Get Married* became a cult hit in his homeland.

Adam Hess (winner of Chortle Student Comedy Award 2011) is well-known for his surreal one-liners and prolific writing talents, having written for TV regulars such as Sean Walsh and Chris Ramsey. Adam has also become widely known for his unique brand of comedy on Twitter and in the last two years has accrued tens of thousands of followers from the jokes he posts there alone. The BBC even filmed a selection of his tweets as sketches starring him as one of their 'Feed My Funny' videos.

Mark Smith (Russell Howard's *Good News*, MTV) has been performing stand-up regularly since 2008 and has rapidly established himself as one of the most interesting and exciting comics on the circuit. Since reaching the final of 'So You Think You're Funny' in

2009, Mark has gigged all over the UK, is a regular MC and has broken into television to present for MTV2 and to write and perform for 'Dick and Dom's Funny Business' on BBC Two. When Mark is not gigging he is the warm-up for shows such as *I Got News For You* and Room 101 (both BBC1).

Tickets are £10 plus booking fee in advance or £12 on the door, available by call the box office on 01308 428 354, the TIC on 01308 424901 or from www.seetickets.com. For more details visit www.electricpalace.org.uk.



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MONDAY JANUARY 5TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Folk Dance Club - weekly dancing resumes at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. Enjoy folk dancing mainly in the English tradition from Playford-style to modern-day compositions at Bridport's long-established weekly club. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Contact Jane on 01308 898 002 or Monty on 01308 423 442.

TUESDAY JANUARY 6TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2pm-4pm. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. Jake Winkle will be demonstrating his techniques in painting wildlife in watercolours. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

BRIDPORT: An evening with the Symondsburys Mummies and Tinker's Cuss band, in aid of Bridport Millennium Green. Costing just £7 and including mulled wine and mince pies, tickets are available now from Goadsby estate agents on the corner of West and South Streets.

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Moviola presents 'Pride'. At Beaminster Public Hall. Doors open 7pm, film from 7.30pm. Tickets available from Yarn Barton £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. For more details call 01308 861378.

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DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship meeting in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester will start at 2.30 pm when Marion Biles will give a talk on her year as Mayoress. New members welcome. Membership fee of £3 50 is now due.

FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Nigel Clarke, Luftwaffe Aerial Photography of the 2nd World War, at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm.

SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH

UPLYME: Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall, 2pm. In aid of Royal British Legion Women's Section. For more details call 01297 442435.

TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. A novel way to use your credit cards! Graham Watson is going to show us all a way of using them in creating a painting. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21ST

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'The Art and Meaning of Maps' lecturer: Prof. Jeremy Black. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

WEYMOUTH: Friends of Weymouth Library present 'Smuggling Tales from Dorset & Hampshire' a talk by ex-Yettie Bonny Sartin. At the library, from 10.30am. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members. Includes refreshments.

SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

WHITCHURCH CANICORUM: 15th Annual Farmhouse Breakfast at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall from 9am - 2pm. In aid of hall funds with donation to Joseph Weld hospice. Further details available from Sue 01297 489375

MONDAY JANUARY 26TH

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Stewart Lee brings new tour to Bridport

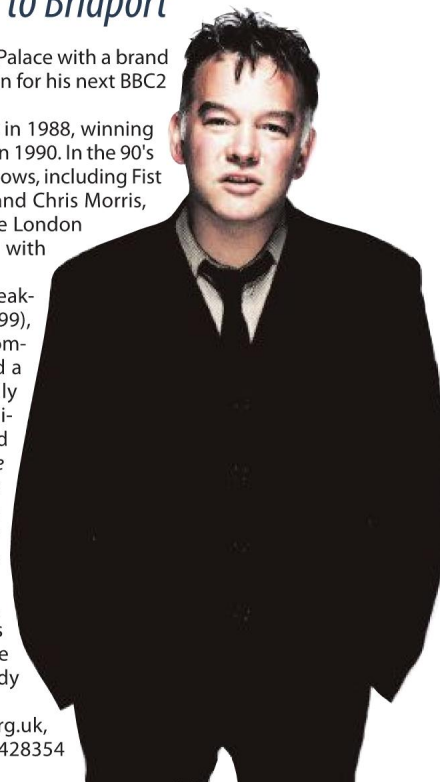
STEWART Lee takes to the stage at the Electric Palace with a brand new live show with fresh material in preparation for his next BBC2 series of Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle.

Stewart Lee began stand-up at the age of 20 in 1988, winning the Hackney Empire new act of the year award in 1990. In the 90's he contributed to various BBC Radio comedy shows, including *Fist of Fun* and *On The Hour*, with Steve Coogan and Chris Morris, performed as a stand-up almost nightly on the London circuit, and co-created four series for BBC2 with Richard Herring.

Stewart directed the Mighty Boosh's breakthrough Edinburgh show, *Arctic Boosh* (1999), Simon Munnery's *Golden Rose Of Montreux* nominated BBC2 show, *Attention Scum*, (2000), and a revival of Eric Bogosian's *Talk Radio* (Underbelly 2007). In 2001 he was invited to help write the libretto of, and direct, the composer Richard Thomas' developing work, *Jerry Springer The Opera*, at Battersea Arts Centre. The show won four Olivier awards after its National Theatre run, though it was prevented from enjoying any commercial future by the pressure group, Christian Voice.

Stewart Lee performs at the Electric Palace, Bridport on Monday, April 27th, with doors opening 7pm. Tickets are £21 plus booking fee in advance, or £23 on the door, and are already selling well.

For more details visit www.electricpalace.org.uk, and to book call 01308 424901 (TIC), 01308 428354 (box office) or visit www.seetickets.com.



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guaranteed to delight family audience's in Bridport over the festive season. The use of flying sequences is always so popular with audiences, and we are delighted that audiences of Bridport will see the magical moments, right in front of their very eyes."

Peter Pan runs at the The Electric Palace, Bridport from Wednesday, December 31st 2014 to Saturday, January 3rd 2015, with nightly performances at 12.30pm on Wednesday, and 2pm on Thursday to Saturday, as well as nightly performances at 6pm. Tickets, priced from £10, can be booked via Bridport TIC on 01308 424901 or online at www.reambapantos.co.uk. Family saver ticket options on selected performances. Alternative Booking Line: 01308 490818.

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LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Jake Winkle's demonstration on painting wildlife in watercolour. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28TH

UPLYME: Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society meeting. Alice Holden runs a small team growing organic food on a two acre site in Dagenham, east of London, and will be telling us how it was set up on a derelict industrial site and now runs successfully. The talk title is "Grown in Dagenham". 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall.

FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH

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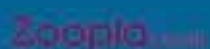
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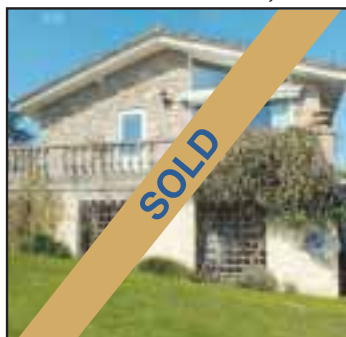
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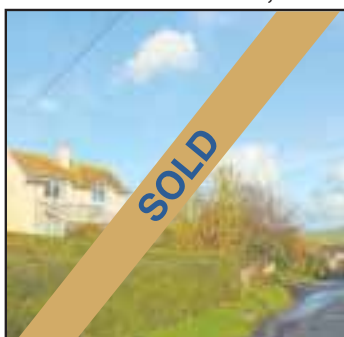
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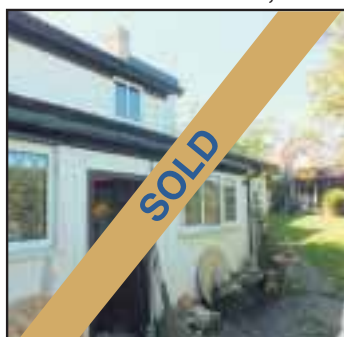
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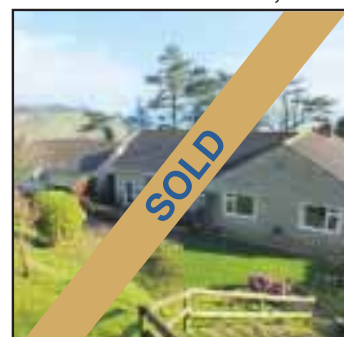
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If you do a lot of towing then it makes sense to have a big heavy vehicle with good torque and traction to pull the load with the minimum of fuss, and if you need to detour from the tarmac on a regular basis then four-wheel drive is

almost a given. But let's be honest... we do fall for the image and driving position, so we justify the 'need' with self-deception and tenuous self-justifications.

Of course, if you want a 4x4 (and within the term 4x4 we also include AWD vehicles) for no other reason than personal choice, then fine, but what are they like to live with? Four-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicles cover a broad church, from the small but perfectly formed Fiat Panda, through the various sporty Audi Quattros, and on to the world-beating 'Green Oval'. Although they vary in shape, size and ability, the one thing that they all have in common is a transmission system that connects

drive to all of the wheels.

Stating the obvious, all types will tend to use more fuel than equivalent 'normal' cars, due to their weight, aerodynamics, and inefficiency of applying power to a much larger drive train. Some modern 4x4s counter this by employing intelligent power management that drives only the front wheels most of the time, and then transfers drive to the rear if they detect a lack of traction. Many of these systems have become so good that it's often difficult to spot the join.

One thing you will certainly notice, though, are the road manners of the traditional 'big' 4x4s. Despite (in some cases) some very advanced traction aids, they still let you know you are not cornering or braking in a Porsche 911. So some consideration of this will be required in your driving style if you intend to keep it shiny side up and un-bent.

You'll also get through more tyres, as both axles are driven, and lateral forces and tyre scrubbing are greater in a heavier vehicle with a higher centre of gravity.

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(think Quattro, Impreza or Evo). This can increase the grin factor of a spirited drive along your favourite ribbon of twisty stuff.

Still, as capable as modern off-roaders are, most people will never (or infrequently) venture far into the wilderness. If you do, remember that off-road driving is not the same as on-road driving, and requires a different skill-set and experience from the driver if you are to be safe and successful in your expedition. Some manufacturers offer an off-road driving experience for their customers, and we would strongly recommend that your first foray into the muddy stuff is under the instruction of an

experienced off-road driver to keep you and your vehicle safe while you learn your new craft.

One final word of warning to anyone who thinks that four-wheel drive is a panacea to cure all foul weather ills; even a well driven 4x4 is no guarantee that you will not eventually get stuck. You may just be a lot further from help when it does happen. And don't forget, you only have four-wheel drive whilst your foot is on the throttle. The moment you lift off or touch the brakes, you are just like every other car on the road, except you may have 2.5 tonnes to stop on a snowy motorway; somewhat akin to Dumbo on ice.



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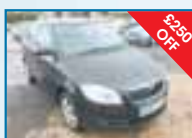


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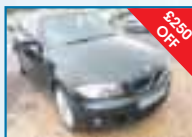
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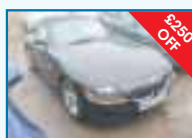


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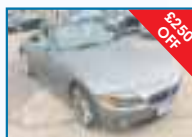


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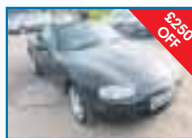
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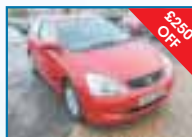
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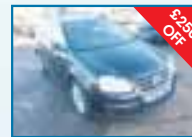
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CURRENT form and league status counted for much at The Avenue on Boxing Day when Weymouth extended their recent run of league wins to eight whilst condemning Dorchester to their fifth straight loss.

Although Weymouth clearly won on chances created, they needed a late Christmas present from referee Andrew Bennett who awarded the Terras a penalty after Adam Kelly had tangled with Magpie Matt Oldring just inside the angle of the penalty area.

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keep your feet, both sets of players produced an entertaining game full of endeavour and at times pulsating football.

Mr Bennett also played his part in keeping the game flowing, and with both teams looking to play football it was played in an exemplary spirit.

He allowed the advantage when he could but brought the game back if there was none gained, but in the 66th minute he awarded Weymouth a penalty after Adam Kelly had tangled with Magpie Matt Oldring just inside the angle of the penalty area.

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Lanahan produced Dorchester's first effort on goal when the Terras defence gave him room to run and shoot but he lifted his 20 yard shot over the crossbar.

Jack Odam then appeared to have sprung the Weymouth defence as he ran on to Jamie Gleeson's superb through ball, but he lost control and it was cleared.

Bennett booked debutant Dan Woodward when he pulled back Shephard, by far the most impressive player on the pitch, before former Magpie Jake Wannell was also shown a yellow for deliberately handling the ball to prevent a Dorchester attack.

Just a minute before the break, Weymouth again thought they had scored, but Sills header from another Shephard free kick was ruled offside.

Yetton might well have given his side an early second half lead but fired over the top from eight yards from another Shephard cross, before Matthews seemed to awkwardly punch Andy Robinson's 20 yard shot in the air rather than gather it into his chest.

Dorchester were beginning to gain momentum but without Smith they had no cutting edge up front although Mason Walsh was testing both full backs down the wings with some excellent play, and from one of his crosses, Odam headed straight at Matthews.

Then against the run of play Weymouth went ahead from the penalty spot which seemed to take the wind out of the Magpies sails and they

almost conceded a second immediately when Sills put Shephard through, but the alert Murphy rushed to the edge of the area to deny him with his legs.

Play became much more even with the gluey pitch having an adverse effect on both sides.

Chris McPhee, another star in claret and blue poked the ball wide following Jamie Laird's nod down as Dorchester ploughed forward looking for an equaliser.

Their quest was terminated three minutes from the end when Smeeton who had worked so hard was too late with his tackle as McPhee flicked the ball past him just inside the box.

This time Yetton chose the other corner but Murphy guessed right this time and got down to block the ball but it squirmed under his body and dribbled over the line.

Then to rub salt into Dorchester's wounds and give a rather unfair slant on the game, Sills headed home at the far post before Murphy made another superb save in the dying seconds to deny McPhee.

Magpies manager Graham Kemp said: "The first goal was always going to be huge, especially with our confidence being a bit fragile. I felt that for an hour we were as good as them and the first goal came against the run of play."

"Once they got the first one the writing was on the wall and I didn't think we believed we could score two."

"The scoreline does flatter them, but a defeat is a defeat."

He was pleased however with his team's performance saying: "I don't think anyone can really criticise the lads - they put in 100 per cent commitment - you can't ask more than that."

The county town boss was pleased with how well Shane Murphy adapted to his first senior game particularly in a local derby. "He has been patient, but his performance was very positive. The save he pulled off in the first half was as good you'll see anywhere in the world."

Looking forward to the New Year's Day encounter with league leaders Poole Town at Tatnam he said: "We'll have a game plan and if we can start with commitment we showed against Weymouth then we'll give ourselves a chance."

Magpies bust-up

Kemp has revealed that the reason club captain Nathan Walker and keeper Alan Walker-Harris were left out of the Boxing Day derby was because of a dispute between the two players that could not be resolved.

As a result there is an ongoing internal disciplinary investigation to try and resolve the matter, and until a solution is found neither player will feature in games.

He said: "The matter needs to be resolved to allow us to move forward. No one person is bigger than the team and I will not allow anything to compromise the team spirit myself and my coaching staff are so desperately trying to build here at Dorchester Town. Unless we have a harmonious dressing room it makes our job hard."

Rugby news

Spinney turns scrappy game

Puddletown 12 Ellingham & Ringwood 2nd 5

IN a tense and nervy game at Greenfields between two evenly matched sides, Puddletown showed only glimpses of the open running rugby that they have been producing so far this season.

The home side showed early promise with a flowing move that started with Sam Pomeroy stealing a line-out from which the ball was spun out through the backs and recycled to No 8 Jumbo Perrett. He made good ground but was tackled just short and offloaded to Jono Wilson who was held up over the line.

As in the previous week's game, Puddletown continued to be penalised for offences at the breakdown, and Ringwood were awarded a penalty 10m out from the home try line. They took a quick tap, but the men in red stood their ground and bundled the attack into touch a metre short.

From a scrum on the halfway line, the Villagers won the ball, captain Tom Yeatman made good ground and passed to Rocky Watts who drew the defence and slipped the ball to centre Sam Stockley.

He skipped past the flailing Ringwood defence to run in from 30m out and getting around under the posts which was converted by Tom Yeatman.

Towards the end of the half, Puddletown attempted to stop a rolling maul and were penalised for coming in at the side. Ringwood ran the resulting penalty and got extra numbers out wide to score a unconverted try in the corner to leave the hosts leading 7-5.

Watts was yellow carded just before half-time for repeat offences at the breakdown, but despite his absence either side of the break, the Ringwood attack failed to take advantage of their numerical supremacy.

The second half was not much of a spectacle, with both sides failing to put sufficient attacking phases together, until Puddletown won an attacking midfield scrum on the Ringwood 10m line.

Once again the impressive Perrett picked up and drove into the heart of the Ringwood defence before feeding the ball out through Baz Dovell, Yeatman and Watts to Ben Spinney on the wing. He gathered the ball and beat the Ringwood defence to score in the corner, for his maiden try to increase Puddletown's lead to 12-7 with the conversion missed.

The Villagers finished the game with the upper hand, but couldn't convert their pressure into points whilst Ringwood held on to claim a losing bonus point.

Weymouth Table Tennis League

Pullen produces final leg decider

ROUND 2 of the Weymouth & District League **Handicap Cup** threw up some absolute Christmas crackers with five of the eight matches going the full distance in the best of nine-leg format.

The highest ranked team left in the competition are Pilgrims A after a 5-4 victory over Division 2 table toppers Budmouth B.

Having fought back from 3-1 and 4-2 down, they won the final three legs including Richard Wilshire coming from a set down in the decider against Daren Graham.

Budmouth D knocked out Budmouth C 5-0 last year in the first round, but there was never more than a leg in this one with the C team taking the lead each time only for D to fight back and level.

Ethan Gear claimed all three of his legs to see Budmouth D

through to the next round with a final leg win over James Green.

Springfield B overcame Steps in another 5-4 encounter. Springfield initially fell behind but three straight legs from Angela Smallbone, Dave Moth and Paul Manvell saw them surge ahead. Sam Holden and Jon Clarke levelled matters before Manvell secured a quarterfinal place with victory over Liam Lewis.

Ben Hannigan starred for All Saints in their 5-4 victory over Colyton C. He won all three of his legs including the crucial ninth leg against Mark Whittingham who had won the first set of that decider, before Hannigan stormed back to take the third 21-19.

Budmouth E trailed 0-2 and 1-3 against Dorset Youth B.

Inexperienced Harriet Pullen lost

her opening two legs but Snigdha Maganti won all three of hers and with Erin Stow chipping in with a leg also it meant Pullen had to win the decider against Les Gardner.

She managed to pull around the third set from 19-17 down to win it 21-19 and seal the 5-4 win.

Springfield A made light work of Pilgrims B by only dropping one leg in a 5-1 victory, though half of those did go to the full three sets. Steve Rook and Pete Anderson both took two legs with Steve Rockett the other.

Preston A beat Wyke C by the same score line with Derek Shilladay and Eddie Chapman both taking two legs after Roger Lovell had clinched the opener.

Roy Sharp secured Wyke's only leg of the night with a win over Lovell.



SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH: Pilgrims A; (from left) Paul Beeston, Stuart Walden and Richard Wilshire who are through to the 3rd Round of the Handicap Cup after beating Budmouth B 5-4.

Weymouth Basketball

Tropics bag a double

IN their second game day of the season, Weymouth College Tropics kept rolling as they squared up against fresh opponents but still kept the winning script.

Weymouth Tropics 71 Tres Barrilles A 36

IN their first game against Tres Barrilles they faced a side that put out their A team and were looking for revenge as the Tropics had taken their B team apart in the last game day.

Weymouth started very well implementing their press defence and showing why other teams in the division are wise to fear their defence.

Eric Robertshaw and Matt Williams-Davey solidified the play but dominating the offensive boards and allowing Max Gilmartin and Luke Strong to score easily.

The game ran away for Weymouth as their opponents could only watch as the score increased and finished with a 71-36 win.

Weymouth College Tropics 42 Kestrels Academy 28

IN their second game it was the two hour rest that was their worst enemy as the U16 Weymouth side looked like a team of elderly players, attempting to shake off aching muscles to get back on course.

The first-half was very tight and despite multiple opportunities they failed to score consistently and allowed for a much closer game than needed.

As the second-half developed, the amazing 40 potential missed layups began to drop as the Tropics found form from Gilmartin and Jerry Thompson to build a strong lead. Followed by strong defensive outings from Kim De Leon and Rev Santos, Weymouth gave the final push to win 42-28 win, and claim a top place in the division.

Coach Alex Fuhrmann said: "This was a fantastic couple of games to continue our run of form. We got unlucky with the two hour break, but it just shows how good this team really is."

"I was happy with our intensity in terms of effort and it was great to see a first game showing from a couple of guys who got their season debuts."

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Versatile Hoppé takes the Victor Ludorum

WOOLBRIDGE Motor Club Competitors who partake in rallies, trials, and speed hill climbs celebrated the success of their fellow members at their recent annual awards event held at Frampton Village Hall.

None more so than Sherborne resident Mark Hoppé who, at the wheel of his Citroen Saxo.

Hoppé not only won the club's car trials championship, defeating brothers James and Andrew Forsyth, but also claimed the prestigious Victor Ludorum Award for the best performance across a number of motor sporting disciplines including autotests, which was another championship award which has found a home in the Hoppé trophy cabinet.

The Tetra Pak operations manager has not only dominated the local trials scene but has claimed the Association of South Western Motor Clubs Trials

Championship, the British Trials and Rally Drivers Association Gold Star award and the Royal Automobile Club/Motor Sports Association Trials Championship. The latter two in his debut season in those series.

The club's trials championship for four-wheel drive machinery was won by Gary Arnold with Garry Morris taking the honours, and the 50th Anniversary Trophy, in the RTV category.

Class winners included Stan Johnston, John Tite and Paul Johnston.

Bridport's Bob Blackstock claimed first place in the drivers division of the Navigational Challenge series with Rob Rhodes receiving a similar accolade in the navigator's competition.

The Rod Purkiss Memorial Trophy was awarded to Chris Jones as the best Beginner Navigator.

Geoff Blake narrowly missed the premier award in the Speed Champi-

onship for those competing in speed hillclimbs and sprints.

The Weymouth speedster had to give best to fellow Westfield pilot Mike Williams with Yeovil avionics engineer Simon Neve rounding out the podium.

Weymouth's Rory Weaver won the The Carpenter Shield, an award made to non-competing members for the person who marshalled at most events.

During the season the club has also run a photography competition with sponsorship from Wessex Photos that included three category winners from Weymouth in Andy Webb, Tony Freeman and Steve Challoner.

The club ran the ever-popular Boxing Day Trial at Waddock Woods (on the B3390 Moreton to Affpuddle road opposite the turning to Bovington) which this year also included a 'Taster Trial' which enabled members of the public to join in the fun and action.



◆ **CONGRATULATIONS:** Woolbridge Motor Club Vice Chairman Sarah Forsyth pictured with award winners (from left): Gary Arnold, Gary Morris, Mark Hoppé and Rob Rhodes.
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